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February 27, 1970

Mr. Harold G. Taylor  
4109 64th Street  
Lubbock, Texas 79410

Dear Harold:

I have followed with great interest and appreciation your work with Sunset congregation. The figures on your work there, as well as the personal reports I keep hearing, all suggest that you have had a great ministry.

I wish there was some way you could stay with the congregation there. Your ministry has said so much to the whole brotherhood, but I can appreciate the problems involved, and some of the pressures you might be feeling.

I know no congregation at the moment that I would want to recommend to you. I'm sure there will be churches making contact with us in the near future. If something comes up that looks good I will certainly mention it to you.

Give my best regards to your entire family. We often think<sup>th</sup> of you and appreciate so much your service in the Lord.

Faternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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## Church of Christ

*Sunset Congregation*

34th and Memphis — Lubbock, Texas 79410

Phone 792-5191

February 6, 1970

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Mr. John Allen Chalk  
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Dear John Allen:

Well, Friend, I hope this letter finds all your work going well. I appreciate so much the contribution you are making to the cause of Christ.

I am planning to make a change this year and would appreciate any contacts.

We are beginning our fifth year of work at Sunset. The work has gone extremely well in the area of "vital statistics". There have been an average of 100 baptisms a year (60% coming from personal work); the attendance has increased at all services (We are averaging about 1125 on Sunday morning); and the contribution has increased \$2,000 a week (from \$2,00 to \$4,000 per Sunday).

However, as you know there is always more to a work than "vital statistics". My reasons for leaving are personal and circumstantial. There are some areas about which I have deep convictions that I cannot change. So, I feel it would be wise to make a change by summer.

The elders here are not aware of my decision, and I desire that this matter be kept confidential. It would make it difficult to make the transition if they knew of my plans.

I am looking for a congregation who is interested in building a strong local program. I desire to give the rest of my life to such a church.

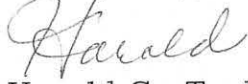
Mr. John Allen Chalk - February 6, 1970

If you know of any good church with good potential please suggest that they contact me. Also, please do not indicate to others that I am planning to make a move. Simply suggest they contact me.

I would appreciate any help you can give. I can be contacted at 792-3090, which is my home phone.

May the Lord continue to bless your efforts.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harold".

Harold G. Taylor

HGT/bt